

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Thursday, March 29, 2007

2:30 p.m.

Room 352 State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr .

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss and Nofs.

Members absent/excused: None.

An Invocation was offered as a moment of silence by the Chairman.

Chairman Cushingberry proceeded to the business of the Committee: Executive Order No. 2007 - 3.

The Chairman opened the floor for remarks on the Executive Order.

Bill Hamilton of the House Fiscal Agency opened up the discussion with introduction /overview of the Executive Order.

Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, was called on for a summary of Executive Order 2007 - 3.

Bob Emerson, State Budget Director, was called on for explanation regarding Executive Order 2007 - 3.

Questions of the impacts and discussion of the budget cuts were further explained to the Members of the Committee.

The following House Fiscal Agency Analysts answered questions for the Members of the Appropriations Committee:

Bill Hamilton
Richard Child
Steve Stauff
Robert Schneider
Jan Wisniewski

There being no further questions or remarks, Representative Gillard moved to approve Executive Order 2007 – 3.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 24-6-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Gillard, Bauer, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Proos, Agema, Moss and Nofs.

NAYS: Representatives Cushingberry, Bennett, Jackson, Lahti, Vagnozzi, and Hansen.

PASS: None.

Chairman announced that a supplemental, HB 4493, would be taken up at the next meeting.

There being no further business before the Committee, Representative Sak moved that the Committee adjourn. The Committee on Appropriations adjourned the time being 3:15 pm.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

Chair

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994